

### **REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action of 24 March 2004. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application, and Claims 1-24 have been rejected.

By this amendment, Claims 1-24 have been cancelled; and new Claims 25-39 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the remarks below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination.

#### About The Invention

The present invention relates generally to methods and apparatus for determining or managing revenue related transactions at a gaming table. More particularly, the invention relates to methods of tracking at least inventory, cash, credits, markers, fills, and marker repays.

#### Rejections under 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1-24 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hoehne, et al., (US Patent 6,660,154).

Claims 1-24 have been cancelled. In view of this amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that rejection of Claims 1-24 has been rendered moot.

#### New Claims 25-39

New Claims 25-39 are directed to methods of accurately accounting for revenue related transactions at casino gaming tables.

The disclosure of Hoehne, et al., has been carefully reviewed, and Applicant respectfully submits that the invention defined by Claims 25-39 is neither disclosed, suggested, or motivated by Hoehne, et al. For example, Hoehne, et al., does not appear to disclose the treatment of marker repay transactions, which are an important aspect of proper accounting for gaming table revenues. Similarly, Hoehne,

et al., does not appear to disclose two-sided displays (i.e., displaying transaction data in at least two locations), which is useful for the transaction being observed by both the player and the dealer. Additionally, Hoehne, et al., does not appear to disclose a two-step process for entering a dealer's identification information, which helps prevent the activation a session based on the swiping of the wrong magnetic card.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is neither disclosed, suggested, or motivated by Hoehne, et al.

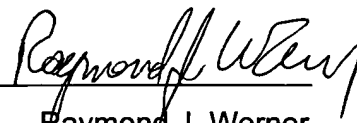
#### Conclusion

All of the rejections in the Office Action of 24 March 2004 have been responded to, and Applicant respectfully submits that the pending Claims 25-39 are in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If a telephone conversation would in any way facilitate the prosecution of this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at 503.466.2294.

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